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The Discovery of Gold.

I was upon the ground shortly after the discovery, and was acquainted with the principle actors. The discovery took place exactly thirty-two years before the date of this paper, and occurred in the following manner: Captain Suter was building a saw mill, and had employed two or three white men as well as a number of Indians. They had dug a race to the river and built the framework of the mill. In the evening they had turned the water in the race so as to sluice out the tail-race. In the morning one of the white men, by the name of Jim Marshall, went down into the tail-race in order to find out how much dirt had been washed out. His attention was attracted to some shining lumps. Not knowing what they were, he gathered up some of them and took them to his fellow workmen for their inspection. One of these men had some knowledge of metals, and at once proceeded to test the nuggets. He procured some aquafortis, and after applying it pronounced it gold an no mistake. It was agreed to keep the discovery a secret, but Marshall was to inform Captain Suter, who was then at his fort, some twenty miles distant. Marshall took several of the nuggets in a bag and started on foot to the fort. Of the interview Captain Suter gives the following account: "Marshall reached my place about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He seemed greatly agitated. He asked me to go into a private room, as he had something to communicate. After he was in the room he asked me to lock the door. I felt uneasy for the man looked wild. After I had locked the door he desired me to place something over the key-hole. 'Now, Captain, says he, 'do you think any one can bear us?' He then pulled out his bag of precious metal, and, emptying it upon the table, desired me to examine it, which I did, and pronounced it gold. Marshall immediately prepared to return. I asked him to remain all night, and I would go up with him. I could not persuade him to remain. The next morning I started on horseback, and several miles on my way I saw Marshall coming out of the bushes, all wet, it having rained in the night. We travelled along together until we reached the saw-mill, where we found all hands had quit work and gone gold hunting.

It is a singular fact that the same man who discovered gold in California was the cause of its being found in Australia, in which country it was discovered by James Hargrave. England, for the benefit derived therefrom, by act of Parliament gave to Hargrave the sum of \$77,000, while Marshall has never received a cent from the United States, not even a pension, showing the difference between the two governments. Hargrave and Marshall were old acquaintances, and Hargrave had just returned from Australia when Marshall met him and induced him to return to Australia and seek for gold. This he did, and the result was the finding of richer deposits than in California.—Philadelphia Times.

The "Catholic Review" says about mixed marriages:

"It is time that Catholics awoke to the danger with which the custom of mixed marriages, becoming, unfortunately too common, is threatening us. No reasonable person can expect that if the children of Catholics be surrounded by alien influence they will come forth unscathed and untarnished. If young person be surrounded with Catholic influences they will not easily be led astray. It is not possible or desirable that Catholics should seclude themselves from the rest

of the world; but it is both possible and desirable that mixed marriages should be avoided. The incalculable amount of harm done to the Catholic Church in this country through mixed marriages is appalling. For example, in 1812 there came from Ireland a young Catholic couple, who became the parents of eight children, seven of whom were sons. The only daughter married a Catholic, the sons married Protestants, and to-day the children of all these men are either indifferent or Protestant. It is a melancholy fact that the great number of children lost to the Church during the last half century is due to these mixed marriages."

The Kearneyites in San Francisco have decided, by advice of Mayor Killoch, to have no more sand lots meetings at present, but to appoint a committee to confer with the Mayor. That officer prints a card saying that the workmen were satisfied with the action of the Board of Health in regard to Chinatown and would see it properly carried out; but the cry of "Vigilance Committee" had been raised, the sand lots had angrily responded, and the city was thus thrown into needless agitation. The only danger to the city was from busy and wilful misrepresentation, and for this he held the Chinese Six Companies and the *Chronical* mainly responsible. He closed by saying that neither his own utterances nor those of Kearney or of speakers on the sand lot were to be understood as the voice of the workmen's party. At Sacramento Kearney has been excluded from the state Assembly for threatening a member.

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